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I'm park Ranger Andy Pearson of the National Park Service. Welcome to the October podcast of the Ranger News Network for Massachusetts area National Parks. Here's what's happening at the parks.

At Lowell National Historical Park

Three Parker Lectures will be hosted at the Visitor Center in November. These include:
On Sunday, November 2 at 2:00pm "Living with Robots" will be presented by Holly Yanco.

In this fascinating talk you will learn about how robots are being used today, how they will be used in the future, and how we are designing systems to better work with people. This is a free program,

On Sunday, November 9 at 2:00pm, learn about "In the days of the Poor House: Tewksbury 1854-1900s", by David Wagner

Professor Wagner will speak about his new book "Ordinary People" which focuses on some of the lives of the 85,000 inmates who passed through the Massachusetts State Almhouse, one of the largest such institutions in America on the grounds that now include the Tewksbury Hospital.

On Sunday, November 16 at 2:00pm discover "The Lowellian Painters of the Nineteenth Century" with Dr. Liana Cheney.

The era of Lowellian painters excelled and contributed on many aspects of the artistic community in the Merrimack region. Some were founders of art schools and art societies as well as leading painters in landscape scenes. Other painters excelled in still life painting while still others depicted religious objects.

All Parker Lectures are free and these three are held at the Park Visitor Center, 246 Market Street..

Also at Lowell, join the park in celebrating its 30th anniversary during the "City of Lights Parade" on Saturday, November 29 at 4:30.

AT Salem Maritime National Historic Site attend
a Maritime Lecture: "USS Constitution: Preserving Old Ironsides"

by Margherita M. Desy, Historian for the Naval Historical Detachment Boston of the Charlestown Navy Yard. Her talk will focus on the current restoration and repair of Old Ironsides as the Navy prepares for the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Ms. Desy will review previous restorations of the ship, and discuss the exciting new projects underway which will bring Constitution even closer to her 1812 configuration. This is a free program, on November 5, 2008 at 7:00 Pm at St. Joseph Hall, 160 Derby Street

Also at Salem, discover "Traces of the Trade"

In commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the foreign slave trade, Mass Humanities presents Massachusetts and the economy of Slavery, featuring screenings of the special discussion version of Katrina Browne's documentary. A discussion will follow of the business of slavery and the Massachusetts economy prior to the Civil War. This FREE program takes place on November 8, 2008 From 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the House of the Seven Gables, 115 Derby Street

And in November there is music in the air at Minute Man National Historical Park where the US Air Force Band of Liberty presents a series of free concerts.

On Sunday, November 2, an ensemble of the U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty, the New England Winds, create an intimate musical setting that will capture the imagination of any audience. This group of five is well versed in traditional quintet repertoire and performs musical selections ranging from the 18th century to the contemporary period. With the talents of the band's staff arrangers, the group surprises the listener with their grasp of popular, Broadway, patriotic, jazz and folk music.

Then On Sunday, November 9, The Jazz Combo, an ensemble of the U.S. Air Force Band of Liberty will perform

And finally, on Sunday, November 16, hear the Colonial Brass, the brass ensemble of the Band of Liberty. This six piece group utilizes a wide repertoire of music from Bach to Sousa to Miles Davis. They have appeared at prestigious venues and the Colonial Brass is sure to dazzle and delight audiences of all ages with their wit and artistry

All three concerts are free at 2:00 pm and held at the Minute Man Visitor Center, Rt 2A, Lexington, MA

At New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park join in

AHA! Arts and Culture Night, Thursday, November 13th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Starting at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor Center

AHA! is a monthly free celebration of arts and culture in downtown New Bedford. Held the second Thursday of every month AHA! events are put on by a collaborative team of over 42 downtown venues including New Bedford museums, galleries, arts organizations, merchants, restaurants, and the park. This event is free.

If you would like more information on any of the above programs and events or are interested in visiting any of the Massachusetts National Parks, please visit our web site at www.nps.gov/state/ma

This is ranger Andy Pearson for the ranger News Network, thanks for joining me